Removal of kidney stone without surgical operation

168. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that facility to remove kidney stone without surgical operation is available in some private hospitals and Nursing Homes;

(b) if so, what are the names of such hospitals and Nursing Homes;

(c) whether Government propose to provide this facility in all Government Hospitals of the country; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In Delhi, his facility is available in following private hospitals and Nursing Homes:—

(i) Sir Ganga Ram Hospital.

(ii) Tirath Ram Shah Hospital.

(iii) Chowdary Aishi Ram, Batra Hospital & Research Centre.

(iv) Stone Clinic, Jor Bagh, Delhi.

(v) R. G. Stone Clinic, East of Kailash, New Delhi.

(vi) C.D.R. Diagnostic Centre, Jangpura.

(c) and (d) Health is a State subject and it is the responsibility of respective State Governments for providing such facilities in the hospitals. However, in Delhi, this facility is available in Lok Nayak Jaiprakash Narain Hospital and All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

Guidelines for heart patients

169. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cardiologists of Heartcare Foundation of India have recently suggested certain useful guidelines for heart patients;

(b) whether these guidelines are also useful for healthy persons;

(c) whether Government propose to give wide publicity to these guidelines through the media; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government has already seen these guidelines which are very useful for managing acute heart attacks and prevention of heart attacks. Wide publicity is given of these guidelines through mass media to create awareness among people.

Death of a passenger aboard Air India's Delhi-London-New York flight

170. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the death of an old lady aboard Air India's-Delhi-London New York flight on the 30th December, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Air-India authorities have taken any action against the erring staff; and

(d) What steps the Air India management have taken to avoid such negligence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) to (d) An old lady, who was accompanied by her brother, expired on board AI-III of 30-12-1990 on the sector Delhi-London. According to the information received, the lady was under treatment for liver cancer in Britain. There has been no negligence by Air India staff in the matter.

Increase in the prices of drugs

171. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to increase the prices of Category I and II drugs; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Price revisions in respect of Category I and Category II drugs are a regular feature and are allowed on the parameters provided under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987.

Use of anti-lopsory vaccine

172. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ICMR has allowed an unproven anti-leprosy vaccine to be tested on Indians;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Indian doctors have protested against this move; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of the reply to part (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) and (d) While some doctors have protested, by and large leprologists, medical scientists and members of the public have welcomed the trial. The field trial was initiated in Village Malaipattu by Justice Krishna Swamy, in the presence of several eminent leprologist and representatives of Public Health Directorate of Tamil Nadu.

Allocation of diesel for different States

173. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that diesel allocation to different states has been curtailed as a result of Gulf War;

(b) if so, what are the details of the cut effected in respect of different States, State-wise;

(c) whether the Kerala Government has requested the Central Government to enhance the allotment of diesel to the State at least by 10,000 kilo litre per month; and

(d) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) No, Sir.